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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5391

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SUBJ: PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR MSG UNIT

REF: A. STATE 245313, 12/15/73; B. STATE 089391;

C. LIBREVILLE 0511; D. LIBREVILLE 0391

1. POST DISTRESSED TO LEARN THAT LOCAL PURCHASE OF MSG VEHICLE HAS NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED. OUR JUSTIFICATION BASED ON BOTH TIME FACTOR AND LOCAL REPAIR CAPABILITY WHICH IS NON-EXISTENT. TCN GSO WHO HAS MAINTAINED AMERICAN VEHICLES IN PAST WILL LEAVE EMBASSY DURING FY75. POST CANNOT FIND LOCAL GARAGEMAN WILLING TO DEVELOP SPECIAL EXPERTISE NEEDED TO REPAIR FEW U.S. EMBASSY VEHICLES, EACH OF A DIFFERENT MODEL. EMBASSY EXPERIENCE WITH GSA CONTRACT VEHICLE PROGRAM IS THAT DELIVERY TIME IS AT LEAST ONE YEAR AFTER ORDER. MSG VEHICLE PROGRAMED FOR LIBREVILLE DOES NOT COINCIDE WITH PRESENT FLEET OF ONE CARRY-ALL VAN TYPE VEHICLE (AS STATED PARA 1 REF B) BECAUSE EXISTING VEHICLE IS SCHEDULED FOR REPLACEMENT BY LOCAL PURCHASE (SEE REF A).

2. POST EXPECTS DELIVERY OF PEUGEOT JUNE 1 TO REPLACE EXISTING CARRY-LL. THIS CARRY-ALL WILL HAVE TO BE USED TO SUPPORT MSG'S UNTIL ORDERED VEHICLE ARRIVES. AS THIS CARRY-ALL HAS SERIOUS TRANSMISSION TROUBLE, WE CANNOT EXPECT IT TO REMAIN OPERATIONAL MUCH LONGER. MSG WILL, THEREFORE, NOT HAVE ADEQUATE AND DEPENDABLE VEHICLE SUPPORT TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSION. POST STILL BELIEVES LOCAL PURCHASE OF EITHER PEUGEOT OR VW BUS BEST SOLUTION. HOWEVER, IF DEPARTMENT WILLING TO ACCEPT RISK OF LEAVING

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MSG'S AFOOT, THEN POST CAN ONLY AWAIT DELIVERY OF NEW

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